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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of ) **BOX PATENT APPLICATION**  
Savine BOCKEL-MACAL et al )  
Application No.: Not Assigned ) Group Art Unit: Not Assigned  
Filed: January 16, 2001 ) ) Examiner: Not Assigned  
For: PROCEDURE AND APPARATUS )  
FOR THE OPTIMIZATION OF )  
REACTIVE GAS MIXTURES )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:**

Kindly replace the original Abstract of the Disclosure with the attached Abstract.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Kindly amend the Specification as follows:

Page 1, line 4, please delete in its entirety and replace with:

**--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

1. **Field of the Invention:**